MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) As the building proposed by the petitioners was found inconvenient for the purpose the petition was recorded ; but the question of shifting the pakuthy cutcherry to a central place is under consideration.

Export of Tea.

463 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity (in cwts) of tea exported from Travancore from 1110 to 1115 (both years inclusive) ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR :

Year.	Quantity Exported (in cwts).
1110	262124
1111	259231
1112	274827
1113	296744
1114	317651
1115	330598

Munnar High School.

464 *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has inspected the Munnar High School during the years 1115 and 1116 ; and

(*b*) if not, whether there is any special reason for not doing so ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

Tanks in South Travancore

465 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased :

(*a*) to lay on the table a list of tanks and tank beds in the taluks of Neyyattinkara, Vilavankod, Kalkulam, Agastisvaram and Tovala which are demised on Kuthakapattom or other grants of a like nature ; and

(*b*) to state whether Government have taken any steps to cancel such leases so that the area concerned may be used for irrigational and other public purposes ?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : (*a*) The list required is laid on the table.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Puliyara Reserve and Beedi leaf plants.

466 *MR. K. G. GOVINDAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) in how many acres in the Puliyara Reserve in the Shencotta Division beedi leaf plants are grown :

(*b*) how many years is it since that cultivation began there ;

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(*c*) what is the quantity of beedi leaves obtained from there yearly and what is its price; and

(*d*) if there is any other place in Travancore where beedi leaf plant is grown?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : (*a*) Beedi leaf plant grows naturally over an area of about 50 acres in the Puliyara Reserve, Shencotta Division.

(*b*) The growth is spontaneous.

(*c*) 323 bundles of leaves were collected in Edavam 1116 and sold in auction for B. Rs. 20-8-0;

(*d*) Cultivation of the plant in plantations in the Shencotta and Southern Divisions has been started.

Circular re note-books used in schools.

467 ❋ **MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has issued a circular insisting that not more than five note books should be used by students in schools; and

(*b*) whether certain schools are compelling pupils to purchase more than a dozen note books?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No complaints have been received in regard to such action on the part of any school authority subsequent to the issue of the circular.

Retirement of Dr. P. Narasimhiah.

468 ❋ **MR. G. VELU PILLAI** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Dr. P. Narasimhiah, Professor of Philosophy in the Arts College has been granted leave preparatory to retirement;

(*b*) whether the retirement is at his request and

(*c*) if not, the reasons for his retirement?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) *No.*

(*c*) Unsatisfactory conduct.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI : With reference to the answer to part (c) may I know what the unsatisfactory conduct is?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL : Perhaps the honourable member will be satisfied if I tell him that the matter has been very thoroughly looked into and that it need not be pressed further.

Short vacancies in service and Kuzhithura Munsiff's Court.

469 ❋ **MR. G. VELU PILLAI** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any circular or order that vacancies of less than a month's duration are not to be filled up;

(*b*) whether it applies to Judicial officers also; and

(*c*) for how many continuous days in the month of Mithunam, the presiding officer was absent from the Kuzhithura Munsiff's Court?

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